

To Whom It May Concern:

I live and work in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C. area and strongly support and endorse XM Radio's INSTANT TRAFFIC & WEATHER broadcasting. It is the first radio broadcast I listen to both going to and leaving my job just 10 miles from the Nations capital (I live 45 miles from D.C.) for the following reasons:

1. They provide accurate, up to the moment and relavant information at the times I need them throughout the day and not at the convenience of commercial broadcasting schedules. I know I'll never miss the information, it's always there.
2. It contributes to a safer commute by providing insight into accidents, jams and pending deleterious weather events as I make my journey.
3. The broadcast quality is of the highest level wherever I am which in many cases is not within the range of local commercial stations.
4. It is far less distracting as I drive. I don't have to endure commercial programing "priorities" with the hopes I don't miss the traffic or news.
5. It is totally inclusive addressing all of the surrounding areas.
6. Although I am very familar and competent relative to automobile function I have found their driving care suggestions pertinent and certainly helpful for those less knowledgeable than I am.
7. The airport jam reports will be another feature which I will use when going to BWI on a fairly frequent basis. There are just too many opportunities for delays to this destination.
8. Even though I may not be able to pick an alternative to a congested area, knowing that there is a problem drastically reduces the frustration and stress levels when compared to an unexpected "surprise".
9. The demeanor and tenor of the broadcast is consistent which contributes greatly to it credibility and "listenability". It is strong and creditable.
10. XM provides a product I am more than glad to pay for as a highly useful service in this world of junk and novelty gimmick trends. My XM service came as a standard trial period with my new car. I had planned to let it expire and not renew. I am not an easy sale. That is not going to happen! I will subscribe when the time comes. I have not listened to "commercial" radio since gaining access to XM and I don't miss it at all. I have not used my in-dash CD player since getting XM. I was definately a sceptic. Now, I wish I had further to drive to work so that I could listen longer and have highly recommended it to others.

Best regards,  
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